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DETECTION, AND COMPUTER PRODUCT
Art Unit: 2436
Examiner: Johnson, Carlton

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This IDS is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), after the mail date of either a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance (whichever occurs first), with both:

- (a) a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); and
(b) the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO-1449 (Information Disclosure Citation) together with copies of foreign patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Applicant(s) respectfully submit that the citation of any reference on Form PTO-1449 does not constitute an admission that the reference qualifies as prior art.

It is requested that the information disclosed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

- (X) Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e):

(X) The enclosed foreign references were cited in a Communication issued by the Japanese Patent Office mailed October 7, 2008 (Japanese original enclosed, along with partial English translation). The three U.S. patent documents correspond to JP2003-241989, which was also cited in the October 7, 2008 Office Action, but which was filed in an April 18, 2007 IDS in the present application. Applicant(s) hereby certify that each item of foreign information cited on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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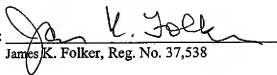
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fee and any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

Respectfully submitted,

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